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Tangi Girl Elected LSU Student Body VP

Former STA achiever continues ambition in the state capital

By Richard Meek

Courtesy photo

A year ago, Abry Layrisson was preparing for her junior year at LSU when her friend Lavar Henderson surprised her with a stunning request.

Henderson was planning to run for student body president and was calling to gauge Layrisson's interest in being on his ticket as the vice-presidential candidate.

Layrisson was no stranger to LSU government, having served in the student senate and other leadership roles – but vice-president? Might be a bit ambitious, especially when considering the campaign would require debates and a bit more public speaking than she was accustomed to.

Layrisson, who graduated valedictorian at St. Thomas Aquinas Regional High School, initially told Henderson she would need the lazy days of summer to make her decision.

"I had experience with student government, but I have also held other leadership positions and roles," she said, reflecting on her summer discernment. "I just want to serve my peers and be a voice for others. I have always had that passion and like to say it is in my blood."

Leaning into her Catholic faith for prayer, her parents for counsel and her love of LSU for inspiration, Layrisson, the daughter of Ponchatoula Police Chief Bry Layrisson, decided the campaign would be an opportunity to put her leadership skills to work to benefit her college peers.

So with a nod toward what could ultimately be a blueprint for her future, Layrisson accepted Henderson's proposition, and the two spent the rest of the summer strategizing. They eventually released their Students First Agenda, which focuses on a number of critical issues, including campus safety, disability services, and career readiness.

One of Layrisson's priorities and one which she has direct knowledge of is LSU Disability Services, which offers support for those with special needs. Layrisson is dyslexic, and in the third grade was diagnosed with Attention-Deficit/ Hyperactivity Disorder, a neurodevelopmental disorder characterized by persistent problems with inattention, hyperactivity, and impulsivity.

"I always used to think I was stupid, but my mother would say 'you are not stupid, you just learn differently,'" Layrisson said. "So I kind of had to grow to adopt that I am not going to be the same as other students. I kind of embrace that now, which I think really helps me."

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Vaping: an Invisible Epidemic

By KASIA PERKOWSKA • Tangi Times Feature Columnist

As smoking conventional cigarettes is continuously falling out of fashion, the use of E-cigarettes, or vape pens, has seemingly become the latest addiction.

Almost everywhere we go, we see people huffing on little boxes or pens, followed by an exhale of white "vapor". It has become very popular amongst our youth and has been marketed as a safe product, convincing people that they're safer than regular cigarettes. These devices are relatively new, and little research has been conducted on them. Many are starting to realize just how dangerous these little gadgets really are and how they affect the human body.

E-cigarettes were first developed in China in 2007 and became a popular smoking cessation tool for smokers who had unsuccessfully attempted other ways to quit. It became a global hit almost immediately, making it a multi-billion-dollar industry, with absolutely no science to back up its claims as being safer than cigarettes.

In 2009, vape pens were developed, and they came with hundreds of flavor combinations of refillable vape juices and E-liquids. In 2015, Juul was a highly popular brand that gained widespread use among teenagers. The highly concealable design and the fruity sweet flavors appealed to children, making it easier for our youth to become hooked on nicotine at younger and younger ages.

Unlike regular cigarettes, E-cigs or vape pens don't leave a smoky cigarette smell on the skin or clothes, making it nearly impossible for parents to tell their children have used them. These little devices had so much nicotine in them that kids were feeling a buzz pretty much all day, every day.

More and more of these children started developing breathing issues such as shortness of breath, low oxygen levels, and symptoms associated with nicotine withdrawal. Children who were involved

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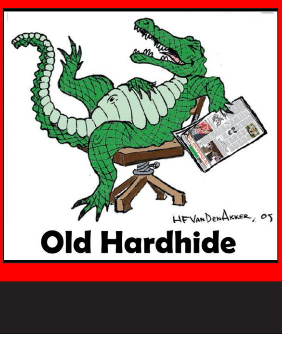

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By OLE HARDHIDE
The Alligator

Yo ho ho and a bottle of rum! Or vodka… or strawberry wine… Swampies, y'all know that your favorite gator narrator's favorite thing to do in the whole wide world is to pour a drink, put on an eye patch and a wooden leg, and sing pirate songs. The problem is that I never had any formal training. The best I could do is my imitation of the crew on the original Jaws movie when they got all pie-eyed on the boat and slurred their way through "99 Bottle of Beer on the Wall." Just for the record, the main gator did a much better job than the crew on that ill-fated cruise of aggression. It's no secret that Gatorus Supremus has some capable pipes and a range from tenor to baritone. Somewhere in there, you will find just the right octave for that pirate song.

But I digress…

Imagine my delight when I happened into the Dubious News office and heard them talking about a new pirate certificate available at MIT! That's Massachusetts Institute of Technology, for those who didn't know. I apologize if I sound condescending. That means talking down to someone (for those who didn't know).

Anyhoo…

So the Dubious News peeps found out that you can take a course to be a real pirate! Imagine the main gator, all sauced up on some once-distilled rotgut turpentine posing as rum, eye patch questionably in place, peg leg tapping out "A Pirate's Life for Me," and taking my choice of who has to walk the plank. Oh, let's just say I have a pretty long short list for el planko. Totally looking forward to that part.

Y'all know that the Hide is a very social crocodilian, so it would be great if someone wants to take the pirate class with me. Don't be bashful – look down below at Dubious News for the instructions. Then send your favorite reptile an email!

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I'm at the age where my mind believes that I'm 29, my humor suggests that I'm 12, and my body possibly died in the Civil War.

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Wesley Daniels
City of Ponchatoula

As Juneteenth approaches, Ponchatoula joins communities across the country in recognizing this important day in our nation's history. In observance of Juneteenth, City Hall will be closed on Thursday, June 19, 2025.

I encourage residents to take part in nearby celebrations, including the Hammond Library's Juneteenth event on Saturday, June 14, and Kentwood Library's Movie Night on June 19. Both are family-friendly and offer a great opportunity for kids to learn about the meaning behind the holiday. I also invite you to visit the African American Heritage Museum in Hammond, a local treasure that highlights the rich history and culture of African Americans in our region.

Let's take this time to sit back and observe the historical significance of this day.

"I love our city, and
I love its people."
-Wesley Daniels

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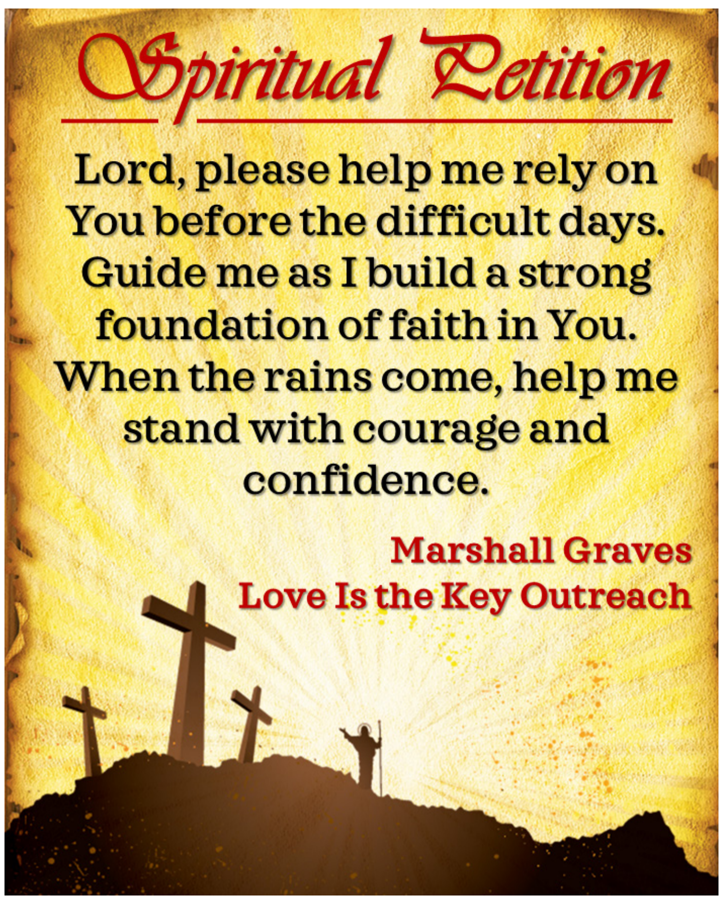

Spiritual Petition

Lord, please help me rely on You before the difficult days. Guide me as I build a strong foundation of faith in You. When the rains come, help me stand with courage and confidence.

Marshall Graves
Love Is the Key Outreach

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WHAT'S HAPPENING!! in Tangi

Wednesday June 18
12 PM
Summer Reading: Magnolia Wilds
Audubon Regional Library
6108 Highway 10, Greensburg

Wednesday June 18
Craft a Compass Necklace
Loranger Branch Library
19451 Hwy 40, Loranger

Thursday June 19 – Sunday June 22
9 am
Louisiana State & Us Open Turkey Calling
Southern Boyz Outdoors
11318 US-190, Hammond

Saturday June 21
11 am – 5:30 pm
Fundraiser for TPSO Det. Mike Johnson
Ponchatoula Lions Club
750 E. Pine St., Ponchatoula

Saturday June 21
2 pm
The Art of Brewing Tea
Fleur De Lis Tea Company
58265 N Cooper Rd., Amite

Saturday June 21
11 am – 2 pm
Free Range Hippie Craft Swap
Ponchatoula Library
380 N 5th St., Ponchatoula

Tuesday June 24
2 pm
Summer Reading Performer: Diamond Del's Mobile Gem Mining
Audubon Regional Library
6108 Highway 10, Greenburg

Saturday June 28
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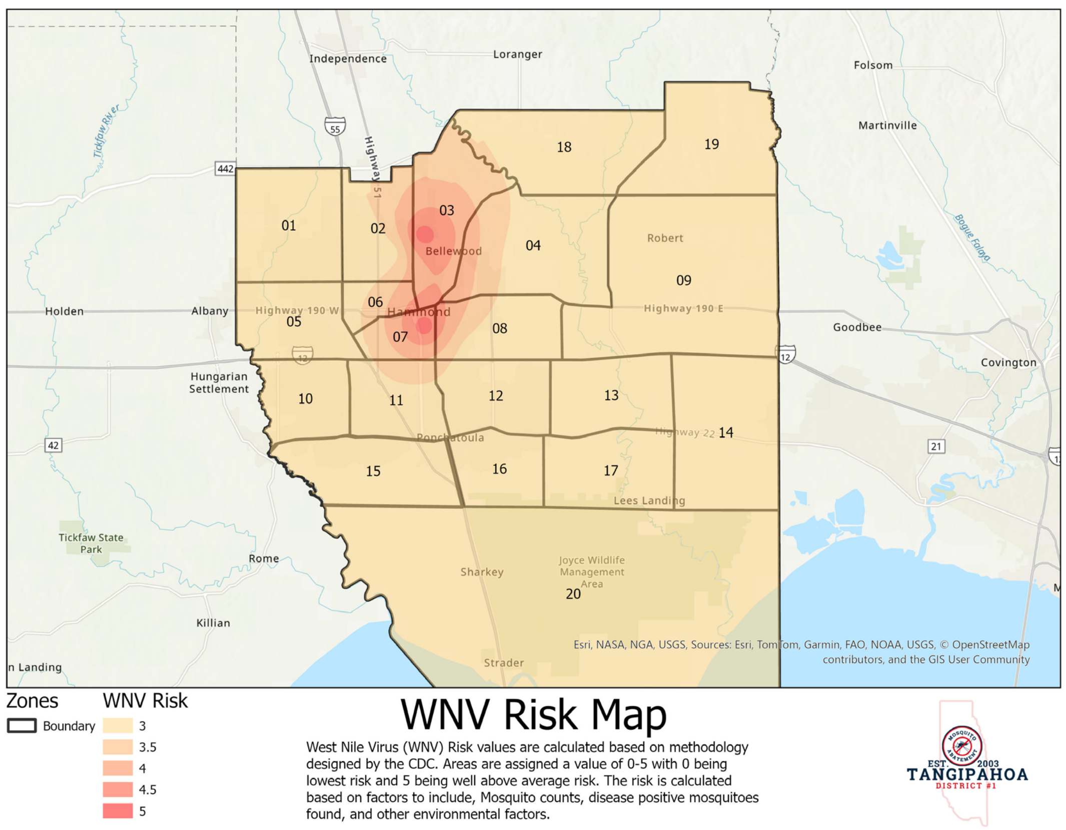
Arrrgg, friends!
Did ye ever want to be a pirate when ye was a kid?
Well, now ye can be!
MIT now offers a pirate certificate. All students have to do is take archery, sailing, fencing, and pistol shooting as part of their physical education requirement.
The "pirate certificate" even comes printed on faux parchment paper.
But, MIT be makin' it clear, matey – this here pirate certificate be fer entertainment only! It grants no license to hoist the black flag nor plunder the high seas.
So, enjoy swinging ye swords, but dernt ye go mutinying any ships after graduatin', or else Blackbeard will be sending ye down to Davy Jones' lockerrrr.
Dead men tell no tales, ya scallywag. Har har har.
Until next time, ye mateys!



WNV Risk Map

West Nile Virus (WNV) Risk values are calculated based on methodology designed by the CDC. Areas are assigned a value of 0-5 with 0 being lowest risk and 5 being well above average risk. The risk is calculated based on factors to include, Mosquito counts, disease positive mosquitoes found, and other environmental factors.

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A little bit of everything you need to know

Join Our Community Conversation with Advocate Kevin Brown! The Tangipahoa Parish Library is thrilled to welcome back one of Ponchatoula's own as we host a special Community Conversation with Community Advocate Kevin Brown of Gertrude's Garden from Mccomb, MS. Mark your calendars for an inspiring evening filled with insights and fruitful dialogue on July 14 at 6:00pm at the Ponchatoula Branch of the Tangipahoa Parish Library. Kevin Brown, born and raised in the heart of Ponchatoula, is coming home to share his passion for building and nurturing community spaces. His work at Gertrude's Garden has been instrumental in fostering community connections and promoting sustainable practices. During this engaging session, Kevin will explore the vital role of community spaces in enhancing social bonds, encouraging local participation, and creating sustainable environments that benefit us all. Whether you're an aspiring community leader, a concerned citizen, or simply eager to learn and contribute, this event is an opportunity to gain valuable insights and ideas that you can carry forward in your community. Don't miss this chance to be part of a transformative discussion that celebrates community spirit and innovation. We look forward to seeing you there!

The best time to prepare for hurricane season is well before the official start of the season. Avoid rushing through potentially life-saving preparations by waiting until it's too late. Get your disaster supplies while the shelves are still stocked, and get that insurance checkup early, as flood insurance requires a 30-day waiting period. Tangipahoa Parish Government offers a wealth of resources for residents and businesses on how to best prepare for hurricane season and any emergency situation. Go to tangipahoa.org/government/emergency-preparedness/ for tips and resources, including our Tangi Alerts app signup.

The Amite River Basin Commission and its seven-member parishes will host four public meetings this week and next to discuss flood risk reduction in the Amite River Basin: June 16 – Gonzales, June 17 – Baton Rouge, June 18 – Livingston, and June 23 – Clinton. The June 23 Clinton date and location are subject to change due to expected capacity challenges. We will report back if the date and venue change.

Leadership Tangipahoa is now accepting applications for its next class of local leaders, and they're looking for individuals who are ready to make a difference in their community. If you're interested in developing your leadership skills and connecting with others committed to positive change in Tangipahoa Parish, apply today! The deadline to submit your application is Friday, June 27. For more information and to apply, visit www.leadership-tangi.org.

Tangipahoa Parish President Robby Miller announced that Barriere Construction crews are scheduled to perform asphalt work during the week of June 16 on Briarwood, Arbordale, Whitmar, and East Park, with preliminary patching set to begin on North Duncan later in the week. All work is weather-permitting, and motorists should anticipate intermittent delays in affected construction zones. For the latest updates on road closures and project progress, residents are encouraged to visit Tangipahoa.org and follow the parish's official social media channels.

A proposed ordinance in Hammond is generating controversy, as it could ban individuals aged 18 to 20 from entering local bars, regardless of whether they are consuming alcohol. The measure, introduced by Councilman Kip Andrews, aims to prevent underage access to alcohol after he reportedly overheard a high school student claim they entered a bar with a $40 cover charge. Local bar owner Dan Lambert of Cate Street Pub is pushing back, arguing that many students visit bars simply to socialize and that his establishment already enforces strict ID checks and wristband protocols to distinguish those of legal drinking age. Lambert contends that the ordinance was introduced without consulting bar owners or police, while Andrews maintains the proposal is intended to create safer nightlife environments. The Hammond City Council is scheduled to vote on the ordinance on June 24, and Andrews plans to meet with local bar owners ahead of the decision.

The Washington Parish Sheriff's Office is seeking the public's help in locating Craig Painter, who was last seen on May 15, 2025, at the Circle K in Covington. He was wearing a camouflage hat, a dark-colored shirt, green shorts, and white shoes, and was believed to be heading out to go fishing, carrying a fishing pole and a backpack. Painter is described as approximately 5'9" tall, 120 pounds, with brown hair and brown eyes. Anyone with information on his whereabouts is urged to contact the Washington Parish Sheriff's Office at 985-839-3434.

Please join
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in wishing the happiest
of birthdays to our
Production Manager,
Amanda the Commanda!
Happy Birthday, AtC!

Leadership Tangipahoa Graduates 2025 Class

After spending ten months exploring and learning about Tangipahoa Parish, twenty-four emerging leaders graduated from the Leadership Tangipahoa program.

"This past year's class was exceptional," said Leadership Tangipahoa Coordinator Nick Gagliano. "We're excited about what lies ahead for these graduates and the positive impact they'll have on making Tangipahoa Parish an even better place to live and work."

The graduation ceremony took place on Thursday, June 12, in the Tangipahoa Parish School System's Board Room.

Supreme Court Justice William J. Crain served as the keynote speaker, and Class Representative Andrea Gousman delivered the class address.

The 2025 graduates and their employer/sponsors were:

Jeremy Adamson
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Whitney Floyd
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Alex Fortenberry
Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement
Shelly Gaydos
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Andrea Gousman
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Katherine Newell
North Oaks Health System
Lou Ann LeBlanc
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Diana McMahon
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The Leadership Tangipahoa Graduating Class of 2025

The Tangi Times Talk of the Town!

What is a useless but fascinating fact you know?

Alex Heedman
Loranger

The archerfish can shoot jets of water to knock insects out of the air.

Becky Slaughter
Ponchatoula

"Maringouin" (as in the little town on the BTR side of the basin bridge) means "mosquito" in Cajun French.

George Sweeney
Robert

Sharks have existed for around 400 million years, while trees appeared about 350 million years ago.

Jennifer Leeman
Tickfaw

Bananas are berries, but strawberries aren't.

Kaci DeArmond
Hammond

The national animal of Scotland is the unicorn.

Kylie Hernandez
Amite

Octopuses have three hearts.

Marla Morris
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Birds are the closest living relatives to dinosaurs.

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The mitochondria is the powerhouse of the cell.

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Obituaries

HARRY LEWIS LAVINE, SR.

Harry Lewis Lavine, Sr.

Harry Lewis Lavine, Sr., a lifelong resident of Ponchatoula, Louisiana, passed away peacefully at home on June 14, 2025, at the age of 87. A devoted husband, father, grandfather, veteran, public servant, and strawberry farmer, Harry lived a life rooted deeply in community, faith, and hard work.

Born on January 27, 1938, to John Morris Lavine and Edna Parker Lavine, Harry grew up surrounded by the values that would define his life: humility, service, and an unwavering dedication to his family and hometown. He joined the United States Air Force alongside a group of his friends and fellow graduates, proudly serving four years before earning his bachelor's degree from Southeastern Louisiana University.

Harry's professional life was marked by a strong commitment to public service and integrity. He worked five years in banking and twelve years in government accounting. He later served his community with distinction as a Tangipahoa Parish Police Juror for four years and as a Tangipahoa Parish Councilman for eight years.

Even with his many professional achievements, Harry's true passion remained in the soil of his hometown - as a lifelong strawberry farmer, he cherished the land and the traditions of Ponchatoula's agricultural heritage.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, John Willie Lavine (Eleanor) and Ewing Ray Lavine (Carlene); and his niece, Rhonda Kay Lavine.

Harry is survived by his devoted wife of 60 years, Frances Fanning Lavine; his oldest son, Harry Lavine, Jr. (Lena), and his youngest son, John Lavine; and his cherished grandchildren, Tyler, Hunter, Justyce, and Parker. He is also survived by a multitude of nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews who will remember him with love and respect.

Many thanks are extended to close friends May Stilley and Landry Grice, who have been a constant source of support, and to Tyrone Parker, who lovingly served as his caregiver during his final years.

A man of quiet wisdom and unwavering integrity, Harry will be remembered for his deep commitment to his family, his tireless service to his community, and the joy he found in life's simple, meaningful labors.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Visitation at Harry McKneely & Son Funeral Home, 100 W. Magnolia St., Ponchatoula, Louisiana 70454, on Thursday, June 19, 2025, at 9:00am until services begin at 12:30pm.

Interment will follow in Sand Hill Cemetery, Ponchatoula, Louisiana.

Dannie Brumfield; 74; June 6; Arrangements entrusted to MJR Friendly Service Funeral Home.

Betty Sewell; 78; June 9; Arrangements entrusted to MJR Friendly Service Funeral Home

Doris Marie Pruett Stevens; 77; Ponchatoula; June 9; survived by her children, Barbara Alexander, Sonya April (John), Gary Stevens, Jr. (Wendy), and Michael Stevens (Alfredo); grandchildren, Kristan (Brandon), Brandi, Tiffany (Chris), Lauren (Tyler), Jacob (Tina), Caitlyn, Amanda (Connor), Ryan, Brittany, and Joshua; six great-grandchildren; sister, Ruby; and many family members and friends.

Mary Bussen; 91; Hammond Native; June 11; survived by her daughter, sister, brother, several cousins, and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

James "Dale" Trousdale Saint, Jr.; 92; Ponchatoula; June 12; survived by his brother, Oscar Saint (June); sister, Frances Alene Kennedy; daughter, Deborah Ann Saint; stepdaughter, Rhonda Landry; stepson, David Landry (Debbie); and many loving grandchildren, nieces, nephews, close friends, and coworkers.

Benjamin Blackwell; passed away on June 12, 2025. A private graveside service will be held at a later date.

Robert Earl Brabham I; 69; Greensburg; June 14; survived by his wife, Janice Brabham; children, Charlotte Ficklin (Lynne), Robert Brabham II, and Sandra Culbertson (Robbie); grandchildren, Triniti, Preston, Justin, Landan, Joshua, Hayleigh, Robert, and Cameron; five great-grandchildren; sisters, Shirley, Nancy, Janice, and Louise; brothers, Randy and Mike; and nieces, Kaylee and Jessica.

Harry Lewis Lavine, Sr.; 87; Ponchatoula; June 14; survived by his wife, Frances Fanning Lavine; sons, Harry Lavine, Jr. (Lena) and John Lavine; grandchildren, Tyler, Hunter, Justyce, and Parker; and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews.

Nurse Practitioner Kelsey St. Arnaud Joins North Oaks

From North Oaks

Nurse Practitioner Kelsey St. Arnaud, FNP-C, has joined North Oaks Primary Care in Hammond, a clinic of North Oaks Health System. She is now accepting new patients aged 12 and up. To schedule an appointment, call (985) 230-APPT [2778].

St. Arnaud comes to North Oaks with more than a decade of healthcare experience at Northshore hospitals and clinics. Her professional career began at North Oaks Medical Center, where she worked as a patient representative in the Emergency Department, transitioned into a certified nursing assistant position in the well-baby nursery and became a registered nurse for the Labor and Delivery unit.

"My strong foundation in women's health, combined with my experience caring for underserved populations with chronic conditions, has shaped me into a well-rounded and adaptable provider," St. Arnaud shares. "I bring a holistic, relationship-centered approach to care, always aiming to meet patients where they are."

Returning to North Oaks as an experienced primary care provider, St. Arnaud specializes in comprehensive healthcare for families, from preventive screenings and annual checkups to treating illnesses and managing chronic health conditions.

"I want my patients to feel informed, included and empowered when it comes to their health," St. Arnaud explains. "Whether we're managing a chronic condition or discussing preventative care, I make it a point to explain options clearly, listen to concerns and work together to create a realistic care plan that fits their life."

St. Arnaud earned her bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and her master's degree in nursing from the University of South Alabama in Mobile. She is certified as a family nurse practitioner by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.

Nurse practitioners are nationally certified, state-licensed medical professionals who can practice independently, working in close collaboration with their supervising physician.

"In a field where trust and consistency matter, I take pride in being a provider who listens, educates, and advocates – especially for those who need it most," St. Arnaud remarks.

Other primary care providers at this location include Drs. Gayle H. Beyl and Herbert G. Robinson III; and fellow nurse practitioners Jennifer Dubuc, APRN, FNP, Polly Burrall, APRN, FNP, and Shay Morgan, APRN, FNP-C.

North Oaks Primary Care in Hammond is located in Suite 201 of the North Oaks Clinic Building at 15813 Paul Vega, MD, Drive on the North Oaks Medical Center campus. Clinic hours of operation are 8am to 5pm on weekdays.

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FROM PAGE 1

son, Layrisson, who is driven to success and is passionate in her mission of aiding society's most vulnerable, said her personal challenges have helped shape her into who she is. Rather hide from the dyslexia and ADHD, she says they "make me unique."

Henderson and Layrisson launched their campaign on social media in the fall in anticipation of the annual Campaign Week in the spring. But they would soon learn a real-life lesson about Louisiana politics that only reinforced the stigma that the political arena is the state's second most popular sport, only behind LSU football.

During the campaign, two of the opposing campaigns were investigated on bribery charges, resulting in one ticket disqualified for attempting to bribe a fraternity chapter president for that organization's support.

"It's kind of crazy," she said. "There was a lot of drama."

Layrisson and Henderson crafted a campaign devoid of political overtones, intentionally focusing on the issues and their message, rather than ideologies. They held several special events, including a pizza and politics forum.

Their message apparently resonated with the student body, as they won a difficult, but fair, election. Joyful, of course, Layrisson was also humbled, grateful for the support but understanding that challenges lie ahead.

"Running for vice-president, I really got to see what politics is all about," she said. "And I love being active, being able to use my voice to uplift others, using my voice to uplift what students see as things they care about."

"I'm very passionate about that," she said. "I think that kind of drives me to be interested in politics. I don't really like the drama, which I know comes with it."

Layrisson said she and Henderson are planning to meet with the administration in August to present their initiatives and then follow up with student organizations and campus leaders to identify their needs.

She is also hoping for a meeting with the new LSU president, whenever he or she is hired.

"It will be interesting to see how the new president comes in and pushes forward (his or her) own initiatives," she said.

Perhaps not surprisingly, she will work with disability services closely and also the administration to determine what can be done for those and to learn what might be lacking.

"Disability services are great," she said. "They really help me, so I know how students feel that do need (the) services. So that is why I am really big on helping improve that resource database for students."

Also on the agenda is establishing water and food snack stations on LSU football game days, assuring fans stay hydrated "because it can get crazy."

Developing an Artificial Intelligence tool to assist students identify classes they need to schedule to graduate on time and making sure all campus buildings are handicap accessible are also priorities.

Regarding her future, Layrisson, who is currently the interim social media director for the Diocese of Baton Rouge in a part-time role, said politics, likely on the local level, are "in the back of my mind" but admitted "there is a lot of pressure on people my age figuring out what you want to be for the rest of your life."

Law school or possibly graduate school is also a consideration.

"I am still trying to decide, but I was always interested in politics; so that is something that drove me for mass communications," she said. "I will use this experience to prepare for that."

Her discernment of a potential political future offers a glimpse into the heart of a young lady remarkably mature for her age. Layrisson explained that she would use her political platform to reach out to the needy, the disenfranchised, partnering with an overall interest in philanthropy.

"I think that comes down to my faith and how I was brought up," she said. "My mom always made us volunteer at soup kitchens, picking up trash off of the street.

"I've been driven to have a passion for philanthropy and volunteerism. I am always driven by helping others and really embracing what I love."

Layrisson's desire to reach out to the needy started not only well before her college years but also reflects the depth of her commitment. In high school, while many of her peers were spending hours on various social media platform, Layrisson was developing the first human trafficking club prevention in Louisiana for high school students.

As a sophomore at STA, she wrote an essay addressing human trafficking, which is rampant along the Interstate 12 corridor, a subject that is as complex as it is disheartening.

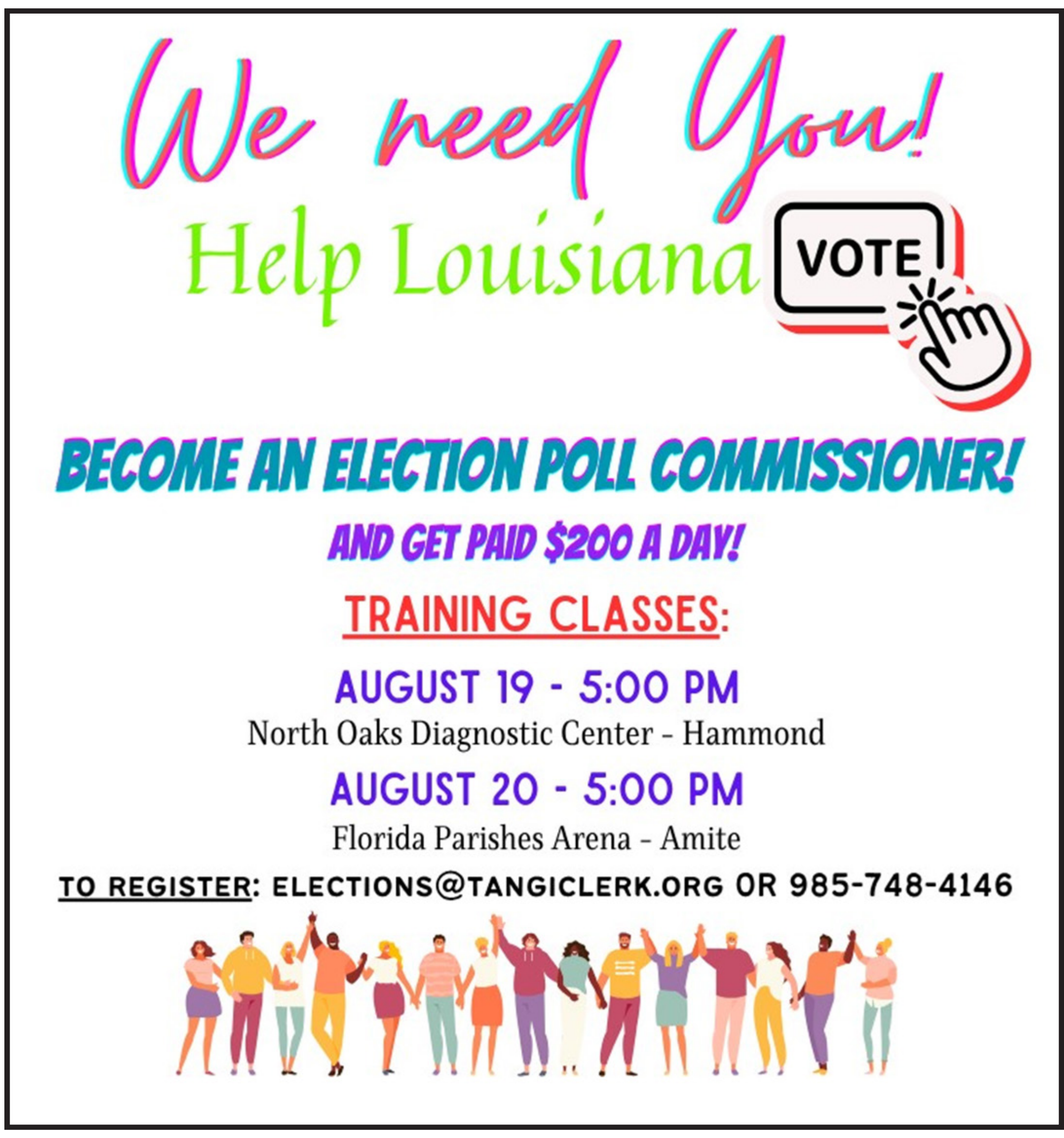
"I did not know a lot about it, just kind of through the media and what you hear in the media is exaggerated," she said. "I learned more about it, and I realized students do not know what it is.

"Now we are starting to have a better understanding of what it is."

"It is a terrible thing; it's really said," she added, noting that trafficking victims are often people of her age or much younger, including those who have not even reached the age of 10.

But for now, her focus is on the 2,000 acres that encompass LSU's main campus, striving to make a difference, guided by a compass deeply embedded in her faith.

"I am honored to serve in that way at LSU," said Layrisson. "I really want to improve the campus, improve student life and make it more engaging and a great experience for students. I am very excited."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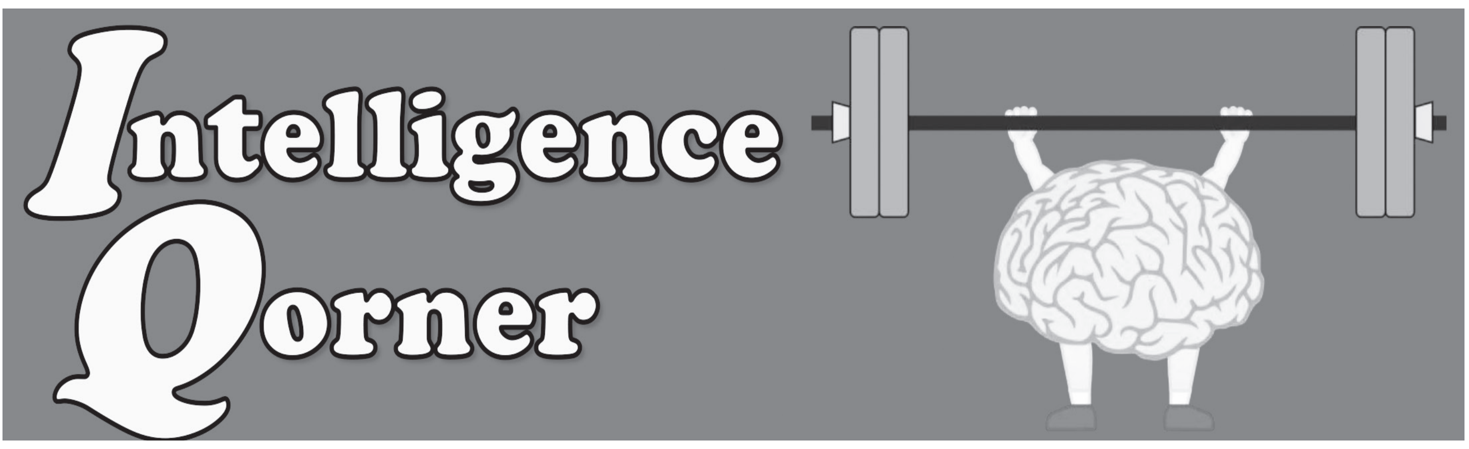

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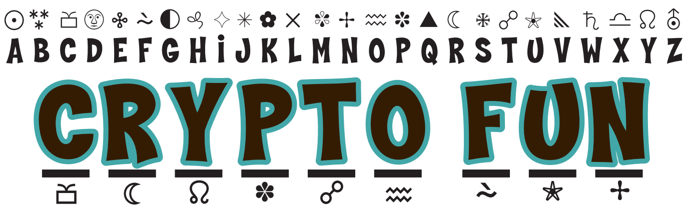

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to fireworks.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 23 = E)

A. 24 5 22 24 1 23

Clue: Catch fire

B. 20 6 12 13 9

Clue: Bright burst

C. 25 3 3 10

Clue: Loud noise

D. 7 3 6 3 8 20 19 6

Answers: A. ignite B. flash C. boom D. colorful

The Tangi Times BRAIN TEASER

SWEET SIXTEEN

This square uses all numbers from 1 to 16. The sum of each row and column, and both diagonals, is 34. Complete the square.

		13	
1		16	
	7		
	14		11

*If you think that you have solved the puzzle, tell us about it in an email to **publisher@tangitimes.com** before the solution is published in next week's paper.*

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to fireworks.

R A L E A I

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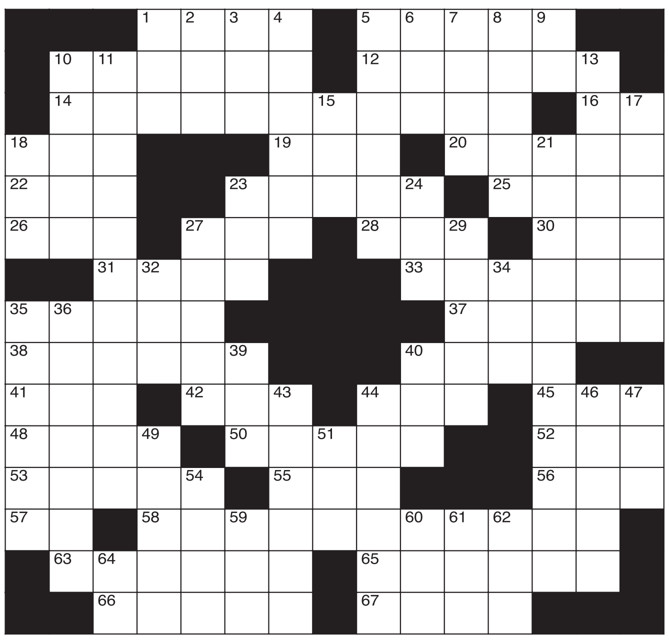
Answer: Aerial

FUN FACT

A word that mimics a sound, such as "buzz" or "hiss" is known as an ONOMATOPOEIA

CROSSWORD



CLUES ACROSS

1. Type of bread
5. Range of mountains
10. Ended
12. Musical forms with a recurring theme
14. On the nature of being
16. Law enforcement agency
18. Australian flightless bird
19. Subway rodent
20. More dried-up
22. A beaver might build one
23. Suggestive of the supernatural
25. Art __, around 1920
26. American rocker Snider
27. Not or
28. Earliest human: __-Magnon Man
30. Firearm
31. Tough outer skin of fruit
33. Alternative form of a gene
35. Low shrub some call "fat pork"
37. Plants in the chamomile tribe
38. Revolutionary War era spy
40. Portion of a book
41. Hoover's office
42. Title of respect
44. Tax collector
45. Cool!
48. Real estate
50. Boy's name
52. Airborne (abbr.)
53. Strongly recommends
55. Hit lightly
56. Bar bill
57. Atomic #54
58. Devotes again
63. Fish sauce
65. French stock market
66. Things that consist of two elements or parts
67. Tense

CLUES DOWN

1. Retired game show host Sajak
2. Equal (prefix)
3. Israeli city __ Aviv
4. Loved
5. A type of analyst
6. Ad __
7. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
8. Ran without moving
9. Opposite of yes
10. Diffuse clouds of gas
11. Mentioning one by one
13. Instruments used to dilate
15. Freshwater fish
17. Remotely-manned flying objects
18. Doctor of Education
21. Renews
23. Not the start
24. Pitching stat
27. Small water buffaloes
29. Ceramic jars
32. I (German)
34. Something to toss on a fire
35. The process of flowing in
36. A series of acts at a night club
39. Egg of a louse
40. Inquire too closely
43. Travelers
44. Drink
46. Behave in a way that degrades
47. Electronic music style
49. Northern Ireland city
51. Upset
54. Stiff structure resembling a hair
59. Father
60. North Atlantic fish
61. 8th month (abbr.)
62. Make an effort
64. Commercial

SUDOKU

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		3	2		5		1	
		8		9		5		6
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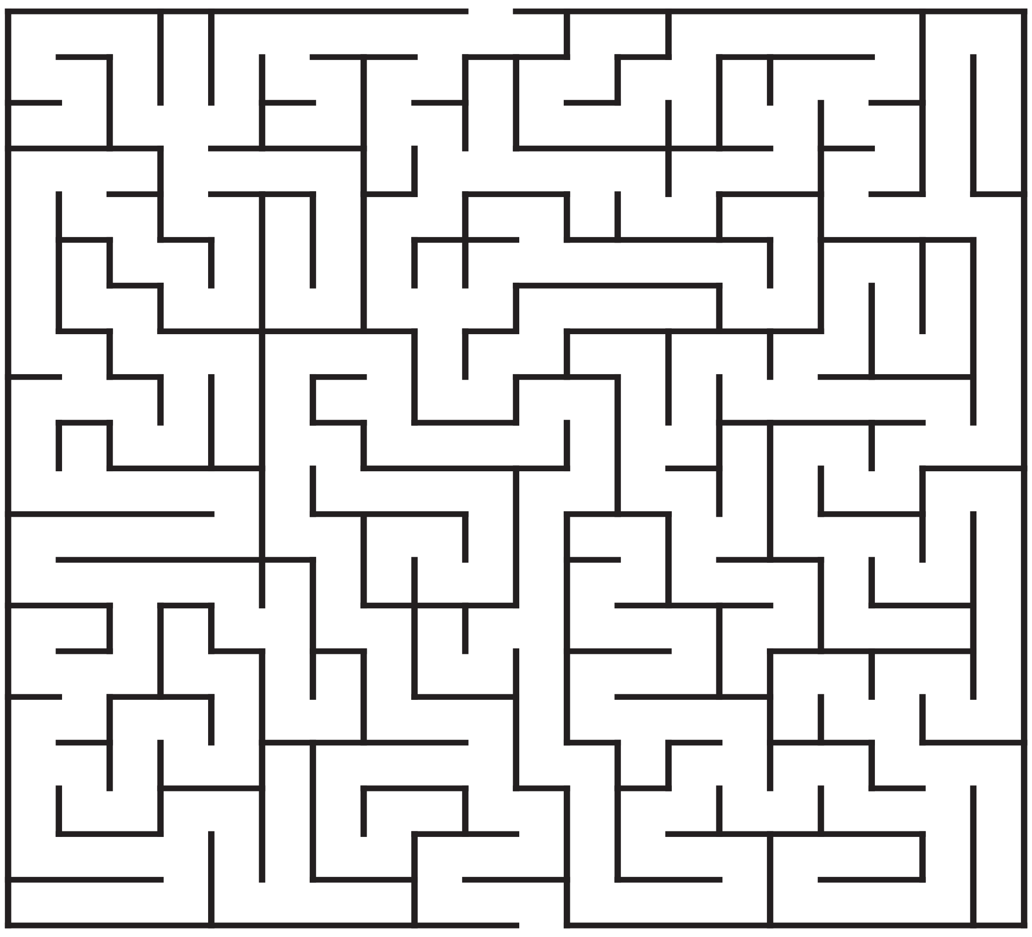
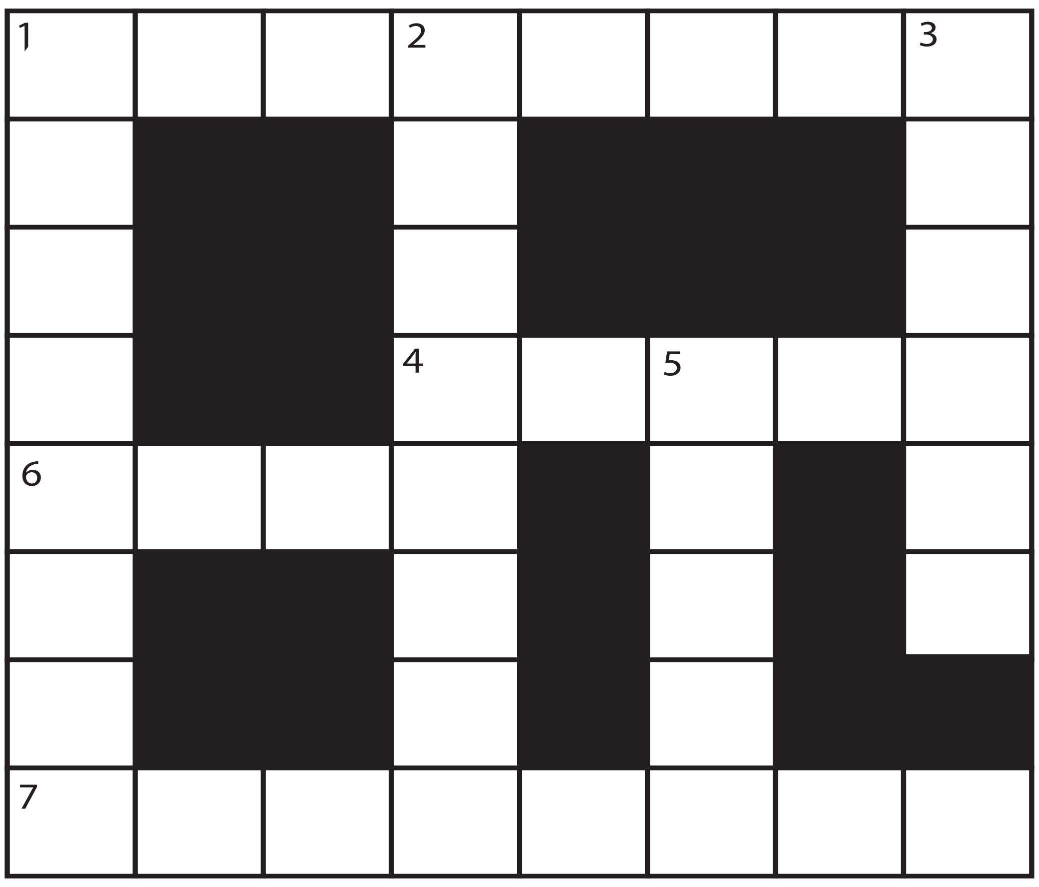
Kids' Corner



GUESS WHO?

I am a musician born in England on June 18, 1942. I met one of my future bandmates on the school bus and then joined another friend's band. I would go on to be part of one of the most successful musical groups of all time, until its dissolution in 1970. Afterwards I had a successful solo career.

Answer: Paul McCartney



ACROSS

1. When animals are being fed
4. Engine
6. Body of water
7. Young animal

DOWN

1. A place for a particular purpose
2. Straight line through the center of a circle
3. Insufficient, not many
5. _____ frutti

WORD SEARCH

SPARKLING WORD SEARCH

V	B	O	Y	Y	S	L	A	I	R	E	A	P	E	F	K	B	Y	R	R
P	U	L	A	U	F	T	E	V	R	B	C	V	U	T	U	T	U	I	S
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

AERIAL
ASSORTMENT
BARRAGE
BRICK
BROCADE
BURST
CAKE
CANDLE
COMET
CONE
CRACKLE
DUD
EFFECTS
FINALE
FIRECRACKERS
FIREWORKS
FOUNTAIN
FUSE
GLITTER
MORTAR
NOVELTY
PYROTECHNIC
SHELL
SPARKLERS

VAPING

From Page 1

in physical activities, such as sports, bike-riding, or visiting the skate park, often ended up short of breath, winded, and physically exhausted, and were unable to continue participating in the activities they once loved and enjoyed.

It wasn't until 2016 that the FDA received the power to regulate E-cigarettes as tobacco products. By that point, there were over six million applications in the FDA for E-cigarette products to be reviewed.

In June of 2019, many reports started flooding into the CDC from hospitals across the country about lung injuries caused by vaping, a common condition being EVALI - E-cigarette Vaping Associated Lung Injury. This occurs when someone gets lung inflammation after vaping regularly, which may result in acute lung injury, and diffused pneumonia: a plethora of symptoms associated with vaping or E-cigarette use.

One US teen needed a double lung transplant after his lungs were irreparably damaged by vaping for about a year, which is unheard of in a person that young. Overseas, a twelve-year-old girl ended up being put in a medically induced coma due to the severity of damage her lungs sustained from vaping. She started vaping at age seven.

To date, there have been several thousand cases of EVALI reported to the CDC, and hundreds of deaths. According to reports, currently in the US, one in four students vapes daily, and most of them use vapes with flavors.

One of the biggest misconceptions about vaping is that it's safer than smoking conventional tobacco. According to some scientists, the mechanism used to dissolve, heat, and aerosolize the e-liquid makes it much easier for it to dissolve into the lungs, making it far more dangerous than traditional smoking.

Once dissolved into the bloodstream, the bones are affected. By age eighteen, we have acquired approximately 90% of the maximum bone density we will have for the rest of our lives. Excessive nicotine use inhibits the growth of bone-forming cells, resulting in a decrease in peak bone mass, especially in those under the age of eighteen.

The amount of nicotine in the e-liquids studied is astronomically larger than the amount of nicotine seen in regular cigarettes, therefore having an even greater impact on these bone cells specifically. The menthol and cinnamon-flavored e-liquids are the most toxic, as the chemicals in these flavors, when combined, create even more harmful effects.

When it comes to vaping, the long-term effects are still unknown; we are still way behind in research, despite the worldwide popularity of vape pens. It may take decades for the extent of harmful effects on the body to be fully realized, and by then, it may be too late to reverse the damage for many.

What exactly is an e-cigarette, or a vape pen, and how do these devices work? Despite their many brands, shapes, and colors, they generally all work on the same principle. Each unit typically consists of a battery, a heating element (usually an atomizer or heating coil), a container to hold the vape juice or liquid, and a mouthpiece.

When inhaling, the metal coils heat up and produce the "vapor", having an immediate effect on the body. Vapes don't actually produce water vapor like most people believe.

The main ingredients in vape juice are propylene glycol and glycerol, which are the main chemicals in smoke machines. Additionally, they are used in various chemical processes, including the production of food items such as candy and baking mixes, cosmetics, paints, and plastics. Nicotine salts and numerous chemicals used as flavor molecules, some of which are still unknown, are also added.

The "vapor" is actually a heated mist of warm, sticky, oily aerosol, which is directly inhaled into the lungs. When a person first takes a hit, billions of aerosol particles cover the inside of the mouth and tongue, then travel into the lungs. Once these molecules reach the air sacs in the lungs, known as alveoli, the nicotine and flavor molecules then pass through the bloodstream and into the brain, producing the feel-good effects.

Research indicates that the inhalation of these heated aerosols and chemicals can cause numerous adverse health effects, including respiratory and cardiovascular issues. Prolonged use may lead to lung inflammation, impaired lung function, popcorn lung, and several more serious issues requiring surgery.

Some of the additives and flavorings in some brands have diacetyl and formaldehyde, which have been linked to lung disease and cancer.

Medical professionals have become increasingly concerned because when the metal coil inside vape pens heats up, it releases heavy metals into the bloodstream, such as arsenic, chromium, nickel, and lead. These metals were not only detected in the vape "juices" or liquids, but also in the saliva, blood, and urine of those who vape.

With hundreds of name brands, flavors, and other enhancements, the majority of the ingredients in them and their long-term effects are unknown. Believe it or not, the vaping industry is much less regulated than people think. Nobody really knows what's in vapes.

For parents who may not have been aware of these dangers, maybe it's time to do some research with your children on the effects of vaping and have a much-needed discussion about the topic. Surprisingly, many teens are open to such discussions, as they are growing up more health-conscious and making better choices than we may have made when we were their age.

Not much is known about the secondhand vapor that babies, pets, and younger children are exposed to when their own parents, or adults and teens in their lives, use vape pens indoors or inside their vehicles, also exposing them to these chemicals.

Adults and young people alike are at much greater risk than first thought when it comes to vaping. As always, conducting our own research and consulting with our physician about the risks is recommended. Many young people have been misdiagnosed with asthma, hiding the fact that they're avid vape users from their parents, not understanding why their inhalers or medications may not be working.

One nineteen-year-old Idaho teen became permanently disabled and ended up with a seizure disorder, not to mention an ever-rising amount of medical debt. His life was permanently altered, preventing him from participating in the sports he enjoyed. Once a champion bowler, his life ended up revolving around his seizures, being unable to drive, ride his dirt bike, or even maintain a regular job.

His message to kids and parents alike was: Don't risk it. Talk to your kids about the dangers. The opportunities do present themselves for open communication. Their lives depend on us as parents, grandparents, friends, and guardians to educate our children and keep them informed.

Some coping mechanisms that can help curb cravings are journaling, box breathing, meditation, skateboarding, sports, and other healthy physical activities. There are also apps to help with nicotine addiction, and several other resources to help teens break the habit, including inpatient rehab facilities, which help take the mind off of unhealthy choices, and teach how to overcome addiction effectively.

There are numerous documentaries online discussing the effects of vaping, several of which include stories from teens whose lives were profoundly affected. Watching these together can be a great starting point to discuss the dangers of vaping.

After all, our children are depending on us to educate ourselves, and pass the information on to them, for their benefit and health, so they can have a better future without limitations, and stay educated about something they may have been peer pressured into trying, not knowing just how harmful vaping really is.

Shrimp Imports Hurt Louisiana and Threaten Americans' Health

From Senator John Kennedy

"The continued importation of foreign shrimp from countries with lax environmental and health regulations, particularly those sourced from India, presents serious health risks to American consumers."

Sen. John Kennedy (R-La.) today sent a letter to Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) Robert F. Kennedy Jr. urging his department to work with its partners to prevent unsafe foreign shrimp from reaching American consumers.

While U.S. shrimp manufacturers comply with bans on antibiotic use and numerous environmental regulations, not all shrimp producers in countries like India, Ecuador, Indonesia, and Vietnam abide by the same standards. A recent decline in transparency among members of the foreign shrimp industry has raised further concerns.

"I write to express my concern regarding the ongoing public health risk posed by the importation of farmed shrimp into the United States. In 2021, the United States imported approximately 1.9 billion pounds of shrimp, accounting for over 90% of the nation's consumption," Kennedy began the letter.

"A growing body of academic research and investigative reporting indicate that imported shrimp frequently contain illicit antibiotics and harbor antimicrobial-resistant bacteria. One of the most prevalent risks associated with warm-water shrimp aquaculture is antibiotic use, which poses significant health threats related to potential parasitic infection along with disease outbreaks," the senator explained.

"Fortunately, President Trump is taking action. On April 17, 2025, President Trump issued an Executive Order titled Restoring American Seafood Competitiveness, which strengthens the domestic seafood industry and addresses the need to eliminate unsafe imports, promote ethical seafood sourcing, and level the playing field for domestic seafood producers," Kennedy added.

"In light of the President's executive order and the ongoing health risks posed by imported seafood, I urge the Department of Health and Human Services to collaborate with the U.S. Trade Representative, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and other relevant agencies to strengthen inspection capabilities and stop this harmful seafood from being sold domestically," he wrote.

Background:

In Dec. 2023, Kennedy introduced a bill to bolster the Seafood Import Monitoring Program's ability to audit foreign seafood imports that its producers misrepresent. Senate Democrats blocked Kennedy's bill.

In May 2024, Kennedy questioned then-Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo on safety risks associated with imported shrimp and crawfish, drawing attention to foreign countries that subsidize their seafood industries and engage in false advertising.

Public Notices

South Tangipahoa Parish Port Commission

Request for Proposals for the Official Journal of Record for South Tangipahoa Parish Port Commission, the period beginning August 1, 2025 and ending July 31, 2026. Requested information will be as follows: 1) Circulation; 2) Length of time in Business; 3) Copy of Standard Rates; 4) A minimum of eight (8) point print for clarity of readership; 5) Any other information you deem appropriate. Proposals must be received no later than 5:00PM on June 30, 2025, at 163 West Hickory Street, Ponchatoula, LA 70454. Published: 6/4, 11, 18 & 25

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TOWN OF ROSELAND

Public Notice
Town of Roseland –
New Business Incentive

The Town of Roseland is pleased to announce a new business incentive designed to support and encourage economic growth within our community. Effective immediately, all new businesses that establish operations within the town limits of Roseland will be eligible to have their **Town of Roseland property taxes waived for the first three (3) years** of operation.

Please note:

This incentive applies **only to property taxes levied by the Town of Roseland.**

All other applicable property taxes assessed by the District and Parish will **still be collected.**

We welcome and encourage entrepreneurs and business owners to consider Roseland for their next venture and look forward to a future of shared prosperity.

For more information, please contact Roseland Town Hall at (985) 748-9063 or visit our website at www.townofroseland.org.

By Order of Mayor Van Showers and Town Council
Town of Roseland

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TOWN OF KENTWOOD

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD BY THE TOWN OF KENTWOOD FOR ZONING ON **July 3, 2025 AT 5:45 PM**. AND REGULAR SESSION AT 6:00 PM THURSDAY AT KENTWOOD CITY HALL, 308 AVENUE G KENTWOOD, LA. THE PURPOSE OF THIS HEARING IS TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO OFFER COMMENTS ON AND DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING:

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THIS HEARING WILL ALLOW CITIZENS TO HAVE INPUT CONCERNING THIS PROPOSED CHANGE. ALL CITIZENS ARE URGED TO ATTEND THIS HEARING.

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Keeping It Real in REAL ESTATE

with Stacey Levin, RAM Properties

A Father's Day, a Birthday, and the Meaning of Home

Owner/Broker of RAM Properties, Stacey Levin

Sunday was a day with a double meaning in our house. It was Father's Day and my daughter's birthday – the first time those two days have ever shared the calendar.

And yet, it's the first year she doesn't have a father to celebrate.

There's something heavy about that. Something unshakable. The kind of weight that sits in your chest, no matter how many balloons you blow up to cover it.

But if I've learned anything in the past few months, it's this: God has picked up most of the pieces. And the pieces He hasn't picked up yet? Well, that's only because I haven't let Him. I'm still holding some of them tight, trying to glue them back together myself, like I know better than the One who created me.

But this story isn't really about me.

It's about what makes a house a home.

It's about love, sacrifice, and the power of community.

On Sunday, my home – my real, lived-in, imperfect but joy-filled home – was packed. I'm talking wall-to-wall people, laughter echoing off the walls, food on every counter, and kids darting through every open space. We had more than 50 people here to celebrate my beautiful daughter on Father's Day.

That alone is something sacred.

Because let's be honest, most people spend Father's Day with their own dads. They're hopping from house to house, trying to squeeze in time with in-laws, stepdads, grandpas, and father-figures. And yet, on Sunday, all these people carved out time to show up for my little girl, who lost her dad way too soon.

That's what love looks like. That's what "home" sounds like.

We had family from out of town. My daughter's softball team and their parents went. Friends from school and church. Neighbors. People who don't owe us anything but showed up anyway.

Because they're part of our home team.

Because they've decided to be our village.

Because they understand that a house is just a structure, but a home is a feeling.

Real estate teaches me that every single day. I've walked through hundreds of houses. Some are brand new, sparkling, and staged. Others are fixer-uppers, filled with history and scuffed-up baseboards. But the ones that always stop me in my tracks are the ones where you can feel something.

You can feel the prayers whispered in the halls.

You can feel the meals that were shared and the tears that were dried.

You can feel the home.

That's what I'm celebrating this weekend.

Not just my daughter. Not just my late husband.

But the love that fills in the cracks.

The God who rebuilds when we feel broken.

The community that says, "You don't have to do this alone."

Proverbs 24:3-4 says,

"By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures."

Update To Draft Report Released for Tangipahoa Parish

From Team Tangi

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has released an update to the Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana Flood Risk Management Study Draft Feasibility Report with Integrated Environmental Assessment and an unsigned Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) (#EA20200B3P1745395179), for a 30-day public review and comment period.

USACE previously released a draft of this report on August 9, 2024, for a 45-day public, technical, legal, and policy review. Since that time, wet floodproofing has been added as a potential nonstructural flood risk management measure within the recommended plan. This second release of the draft main report aims to communicate the potential use of wet floodproofing for certain structures, fully describe the associated environmental effects, and provide an opportunity for public and stakeholder comment on this update.

Wet floodproofing is a nonstructural flood risk management measure, typically applied to non-residential structures, such as warehouses. It involves modifying or retrofitting a building to allow floodwaters to enter it in a controlled manner, thereby minimizing damage to the structure and its contents. This update to the plan is expected to affect less than 10 percent of the structures identified within the recommended plan.

The overall goal of the study is to identify and potentially recommend actions to manage flood risk to public safety and to reduce economic damages caused by flooding within Tangipahoa Parish through approximately the year 2083 (the 50-year period of analysis). Tangipahoa Parish is located in southeast Louisiana, has a population of approximately 129,000 people and covers 823 square miles.

The draft report recommends a nonstructural plan involving the elevation or floodproofing of approximately 1,088 structures throughout the Parish. This voluntary program includes the elevation of approximately 1,006 residential structures and the dry/wet floodproofing of approximately 82 nonresidential structures.

The general public, interested parties, and stakeholders are invited to review and comment on the revisions included in this second public release of the draft report. All comments received during the 30-day public review period will be considered and addressed accordingly in the final report. The draft report is available online at USACE, New Orleans District website: https://www.mvn.usace.army.mil/About/Tangipahoa-Parish-Feasibility-Study/.

Written comments on the updated Draft Feasibility Report with Integrated Environment Assessment will be accepted through July 5, 2025. Comments should be directed to:

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From June 11, 2025

DAY AT THE BEACH

Fill in the blanks so that each column spells a common three-letter word and the center row spells a type of beach wear.

SOLUTION

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Congratulations to Julie Bruhn and Captain Jim Mascair for solving this challenging Brain Teaser!

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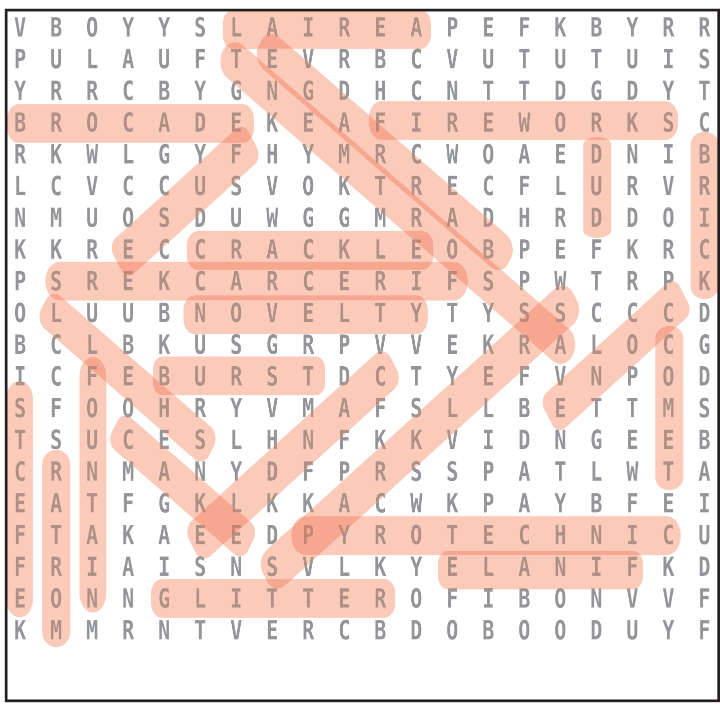

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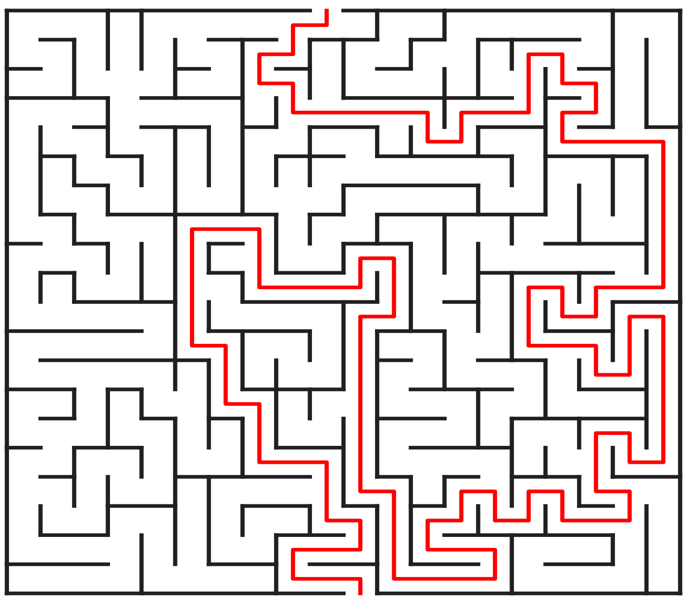

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By PABLO CREWES
Tangi Times Sportswriter

The accolades from the most successful campaign in school history continued for the Southeastern Lady Lion softball, who were ranked number 9 in the final NCAA Division I mid-majors poll, a poll for non-Power 4 squads. A 50-win season coupled with two regional wins over nationally ranked LSU also helped Coach Rick Fremin's club receive votes for the NFCA/GoRout final poll. SLU collected 27 votes, just outside of the top 25 and a national ranking, finishing ahead of schools like Michigan, Virginia, and Auburn.

Meanwhile, Lady Lion track standout Onyah Favour earned All-American status at the NCAA Outdoor National Championships in Eugene, OR, competing in the semifinals of the 400-meter dash. In her first heat, the sophomore from Asaba, Nigeria's sixth-place time of 52.39 and 16th best overall earned her a spot on the All-American Second Team.

There were still more postseason awards, these coming in baseball. Ace right-hander Brennan Stuprich, who led the Southland Conference in wins, strike outs, and earned run average, was named the SLC's Baseball Student Athlete of the Year. The senior from Kenner was also named to the Southland's All-Academic team after sporting a 3.63 grade point average in business administration.

Also garnering All-Academic honors were Ryan Brome and T. J. Salvaggio. Brome went .355 at the plate in 2025, including 26 hits for extra bases to go along with his 3.76 GPA, while Salvaggio collected 71 hits and drove in 48 runs while carrying a 3.29.

You can read up more on all of these online at lionsports.net.

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Tulane Announces Plan for a New Indoor Practice Field

By JOEL RAY
Tangi Times Sportswriter

Tulane University is enhancing the student-athlete experience with a new indoor practice field that will ensure athletes have the resources needed to compete at the highest level.

The University plans to transform a section of the Claiborne Parking Lot, located behind Turchin Stadium, into a first-class enclosed practice field.

Once completed, the facility will serve as a training ground for the Green Wave football team as well as each of Tulane's 17 NCAA Division 1 sports.

The enclosed practice field will feature an inflatable, removable cover and sides. It will be the approximate width of a football field. The domed covering will be 60 feet high to accommodate punting and kicking practice.

The indoor field will be approximately 65-70 yards. The roof and sides covering the field are inflatable and can be disassembled and removed for hurricanes and other purposes.

"With this new indoor practice field, we're giving our student-athletes and coaches the ability to train in a state-of-the-art, all-season venue without having to adjust their training schedules due to weather or other outside forces," said Tulane University Athletic Director David Harris. "This is an effort Green Wave fans have longed for - one which further underscores our commitment to excellence in athletics and providing the best for our teams and supporters."

Pending permit approvals, the proposed timeline anticipates the field and covering will be installed for the start of the Green Wave season in August.

Tulane University has secured sufficient parking for football and baseball game days, as well as for staff and students who currently use the Claiborne Parking Lot.

Tangi Times Sportswriter Joel Ray is a member of the Louisiana Sports Writers Association.

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Ponchatoula Lions Club
750 E. Pine St.
Ponchatoula

RAFFLE: Brothers in Arms Signature AR-15 5.56.
Tickets are $30 each or $100 for four.

To make the fundraiser for Mike successful, the following donations and support are needed:

Cooks and food for plate dinners (chicken, sausage, jambalaya, etc.); items for a silent auction; monetary donations; motorcycle/car show participants; entertainment; volunteers; and anything else that can enhance the event.

Almost any item of value can serve as an auction item. Businesses can donate gift cards, merchandise, memberships, classes, art, experiences, and a variety of other tangible and intangible products and services.

To buy a raffle ticket, donate, or if you can help in any way, please contact Mike's daughter, Brittanni Stewart, at 985-318-9505; James Sparacello with Delta Seven at 504-915-6764; or email publisher@tangitimes.com.

Car show participants,
call Jody Borne at 985-320-9792.

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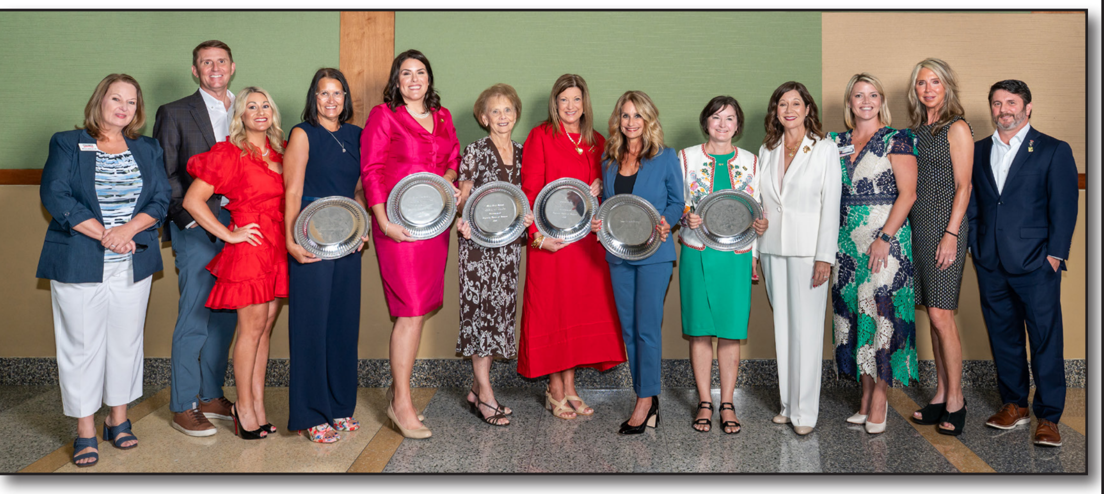
To submit the form by hand, please deliver to the Tangi Times News Headquarters,
1579 Hwy 51, Ponchatoula, LA.

For questions regarding the car show, please call Jody Borne at 985-320-9792.

All proceeds from this event will benefit TPSO Detective Mike Johnson in support of his upcoming double lung transplant. Mike has served the public safety and trust for over 40 years, and he needs our help.

Tangipahoa Chamber Hosts 2025 Annie Awards Luncheon

From Tangipahoa Chamber



Tangipahoa Chamber Annie Award Honorees and Sponsors – Pictured left to right: Tangipahoa Chamber President and CEO Melissa Bordelon; Tangipahoa Chamber Board Chairman Chance Enmon; Tangipahoa Chamber Immediate Past Chair and Treasurer Brandi Stevens; Tangipahoa Chamber Annie Award Honorees Tina Roper, Carlee White Gonzales, Glenda Ernest Dufreche, Stephanie Kropog, Donna F. Smith, and Dr. Ann Carruth; Southeastern Louisiana University First Lady Misty Wainwright; North Oaks Health System Chief Ancillary Officer Jessica Bennett; and Northshore Media Group Vice Presidents Eloise Cottrell and Brian Shirey.

The Tangipahoa Chamber hosted its annual Annie Awards Luncheon on June 6, presented by North Oaks Health System, where they honored six outstanding women who work in excellence and have a true servant's heart for our community. Named in memory of the late Southeastern Louisiana University administrator Dr. Anne Ferguson, the Annie Awards are among the Tangipahoa Chamber's most prestigious recognitions, celebrating over 80 remarkable women who have helped shape our community since the program began in 1988.

"It's always great to learn more about the successful women who have worked to make our community better – across all industries and roles. The Annie Awards recognize women making a difference, and it's an honor for us to carry on the Annie legacy," said Chance Enmon, Chairman of the Board.

This year's Annie Honorees included Dr. Ann Carruth, Dean of the Southeastern College of Nursing and Health Sciences; Glenda Ernest Dufreche, longtime educator with the Tangipahoa Parish School System; Carlee White Gonzales, attorney and Hammond City Councilwoman; Stephanie Kropog, Director of Provider Services at North Oaks Health System; Tina Roper, Director of Workforce Development for Tangipahoa Parish Government; and Donna F. Smith, Partner and Executive Vice President at Stirling Properties.

With support from longtime media partner Northshore Media Group, the Tangipahoa Chamber featured each of the honorees in the June/July edition of Tangi Lifestyles Magazine.

"Welcoming Southeastern's First Lady Misty Wainwright as our featured speaker during the University's Centennial year was such a special opportunity," said Melissa Bordelon, President & CEO of the Tangipahoa Chamber. "Her message of 'empowered women empower women' and her reflection on the changing role of women at Southeastern was a beautiful testament to the impact of female leadership – both at the University and in our community."

To learn more about this year's Annie Award honorees and see photos from this year's program, pick up a copy of the June/July edition of Tangi Lifestyles Magazine and visit the Tangipahoa Chamber Facebook page. Nominations for the 2026 Tangipahoa Chamber Annie Awards will open in the spring.

HHMS Graduate Wins 2nd Place in Young Entrepreneurs Competition

Courtesy photo

At the June 9 Tangipahoa Parish Council meeting, Parish President Robby Miller and Council President David Vial presented a proclamation recognizing recent Hammond High Magnet graduate Libny Hernandez for winning second place in the nation in the Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!) competition. Libny's business is called "A Fresh Dump," and through it, she provides a monthly cleaning service for commercial dumpsters.

The YEA! competition is similar to "Shark Tank" and inspires students to develop their entrepreneurial spirit and create their own businesses. Congratulations, Libny!!!

Secretary of State Nancy Landry Announces Passage of Voter Protection Bills

From Secretary of State Nancy Landry

Louisiana Secretary of State Nancy Landry is proud to announce the passage of multiple legislative instruments in the Department of State's Voter Protection Package during the 2025 Regular Legislative Session.

"I am exceedingly grateful to the authors and sponsors of the bills in our Voter Protection Package and the members who supported those pieces of legislation," Secretary Landry said. "Thanks to them, four instruments from our legislative slate passed overwhelmingly, all with bipartisan support. These instruments will help Louisiana continue on the path to being ranked first in the nation in election integrity. I thank Governor Landry for signing several of these bills into law, and I look forward to working with him to ensure the remaining instruments become law."

The department's package of bills that were passed are:

-SB 90 by Senator Rick Edmonds: Bans wagering on elections

-HB 206 by Representative Michael Melerine: Requires legislative approval of election-related consent decrees

-HB 351 (Act 80) by Representative Mike Johnson: Assesses court costs and attorney's fees for knowingly attesting to false information in a Notice of Candidacy

-SCR 35 by Senator Rick Edmonds: Calls for a procedural election audit by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor every four years

The contents of SB 109 by Senator Alan Seabaugh and HB 590 by Representative Annie Spell, which bans foreign funding of election contests and ballot measures, were amended into Representative Mark Wright's HB 693.

Secretary Landry will be available for 10-minute interviews with credentialed media via phone, Google Meet, or Zoom on Tuesday, June 17, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Interested media outlets can contact Joel Watson, Deputy Secretary of State for Communications, at joel.watson@sos.la.gov or 225-922-0820 to schedule an interview time.

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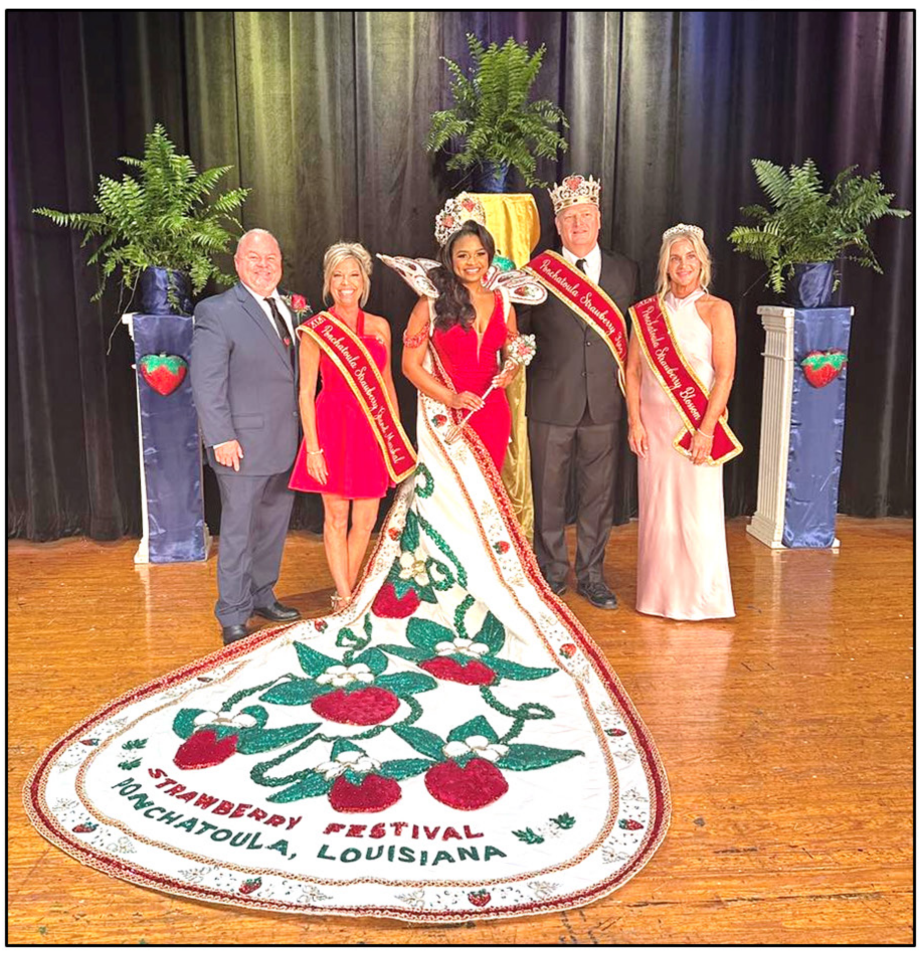
2026 Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival Royalty Announced

On Saturday, June 14, the Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival Board announced their 2026 royalty.



From left to right: Chairman Rueben Auter, Grand Marshal Emily Matise, Queen Aubrey Brumfield, King David Atkins, and Blossom Heather Robertson

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Friday, June 20	Mia Dixon (6-9:30 pm)	Sylas Faust (6-9 pm)
Saturday, June 21	Trey Morgan (10-1:30) Pat Cataina (2-5:30 pm) Beach Bums (6-9:30 pm)	Sylas Faust (6-9 pm)

Feature Shows

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Frenier Landing Laplace
Sunday, 6/21 @ 6:30pm

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